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Turkey: [The Turkish Government has decided not to participate in the proposed multilateral nuclear force (MLF).]

[In advising the US of the withdrawal of their previous strong support of MLF, the Turks have cited the difficulties they see in financing and the reluctance of several other NATO nations to participate. The Turks have said, however, that they will not make public this decision and will continue to participate in the MLF Working Group.]

[Other reasons probably contributed to Ankara's decision. The Inonu government has been deeply dissatisfied with US policy in the Cyprus dispute. The Turks may also wish to accommodate the Soviets, who may have brought some pressure on Foreign Minister Erkin during his recent visit to Moscow.]

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Cyprus: President Makarios says he will insist that Britain give up sovereignty over its bases on Cyprus before he will agree to union of the island with Greece.

The archbishop told the US ambassador on 16 November, that under long-term leases Britain might still retain use of the two bases which cover an area of some 100 square miles.

Makarios denied reports circulating in Athens that he had agreed to the transfer of one or both bases to NATO so that a Turkish military presence could be maintained on Cyprus in return for Ankara's acquiescence to enosis. Makarios added that if Turkey demanded that Cyprus be demilitarized as part of a solution based on enosis, the British bases would have to be dismantled.

According to UN mediator Galo Plaza, Makarios appears to be planning to write a new constitution for an independent Cyprus following the upcoming UN debate on Cyprus. This would contain a long list of guaranteed human rights to safeguard the Turkish minority but omit all special political concessions granted in the constitution of 1960.

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UK - West Germany - MLF: [Substantial differences of view are emerging between Britain and West Germany over London's new proposals for a NATO nuclear force.]

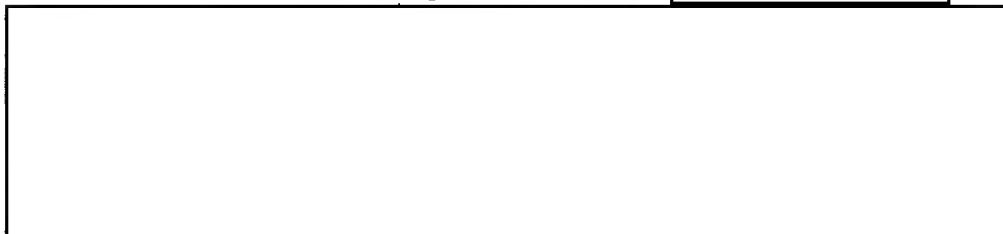
[British Foreign Secretary Gordon Walker told the Germans last week that Britain considers the question of authority over such a force to be paramount and believes the US, the UK, and West Germany should share it equally. This implied British desire for a veto is known to be objectionable to Bonn.]

[West German Foreign Minister Schroeder took the line that Bonn is satisfied with the MLF plan as it now stands, and foresaw great difficulties if any attempt were made to revamp it at this late date. He also reminded Gordon Walker that Germany feels it is necessary to conclude an MLF charter before next year's election campaign opens--that is, some time in February at the latest.]

[Another complicating factor is the threat by former Chancellor Adenauer to oppose the MLF plan. He has also said that the British proposals to modify it were "even less" acceptable to him.] [REDACTED]

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Panama: [A strongly anti-American nationalist with Communist connections is scheduled to become Panama's new special negotiator on the Canal question.]

[Panamanian Foreign Minister Eleta evidently has chosen for the post, Diogenes de la Rosa, a Marxist economic theoretician and writer who founded Panama's first Communist party. Although he later criticized Moscow and broke with the local party, De la Rosa has maintained his association with Communists and Communist-supported causes. Like other ultranationalists, he has frequently served as a close adviser to the Panamanian oligarchy, including several presidents.]

[In his most recent position as Panama's ambassador to Venezuela, De la Rosa attacked "US aggression" and Secretary Rusk as a "strong colonialist and imperialist" during the riots in Panama last January. During a pro-Panama demonstration, he addressed Venezuelan students before a "Panama si, Yankees no" banner.]

[Eleta's earlier appointment of another extremist, Ernesto Castellero Pimentel, as the Foreign Ministry's coordinator for Canal negotiations provides an insight into the atmosphere which can be expected to prevail during the negotiations.]

[De la Rosa reportedly is to arrive in Washington on Saturday.]

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UK - Western Europe: [The Wilson government appears to be having difficulty convincing leaders in Western Europe that it is interested in making a genuine contribution to European political unity. Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak claims that Foreign Secretary Gordon Walker insisted in a recent meeting with him that any steps toward European union must permit inclusion not only of Britain's EFTA partners, but also the Eastern European states--a position which Spaak found "depressing and unrealistic." Gordon Walker's remarks, which may not in fact be Britain's considered views, will make it more difficult for Spaak and Britain's other friends in Western Europe to continue to press for British participation in political union talks.]

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